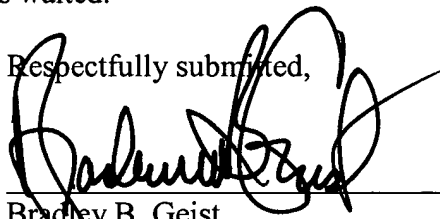


REMARKS

Applicants submit this Amendment in order to correct with various "inconsistencies" noted in the above-referenced Office Communication. Applicants now believe that the pending claims comply with the current amendment practice.

Action on the merits is waited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bradley B. Geist', is written over a horizontal line.

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